

# Awakening of Spring Brings Out Amateur Baseball Talent

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## AMATEUR COMMISSION PREPARED FOR OPENING

Final arrangements for the opening of the amateur baseball season will be made at a meeting of the commission to be held in the National State and City Bank Wednesday night. This is a mooted question as to whether it is advisable to begin the season Saturday, or to delay it one week and give time for all preparations to be completed. One week's delay in the opinion of many, will not seriously interfere with the season as the dates agreed upon could be shoved back to the close of the season, or the games played off in a double header. The one reason for postponing the opening is the short time available to prepare for the parade. However, it will be all thrashed out at the Wednesday meeting. President Hill will call the meeting to order at 8:15 o'clock, and the members are again requested to be punctual in attendance.

Another question which will be considered at this meeting is the relation of the amateur commission to the

Richmond Amateur Athletic Federation. The minds of the commissioners are pretty well made up along this line. The request from the Richmond Amateur Athletic Federation, if accepted, would tend to disrupt amateur baseball, as it is now governed, and this the men who are interested will never agree to.

The argument advanced by the federation is that since the A. A. U. has ruled that any amateur playing on a team containing any man who has ever engaged in any branch of professional sports, professionalizes himself, or that a team playing against a team on which a former professional athlete is found professionalizes each member of that team, the amateur commission should change the rules governing amateur baseball so as to protect the men who may want to take part in track meets under the sanction of the A. A. U.

To this the commission will probably reply that if such men are on any

team—that is, men who contemplate taking part in track athletics under sanction of the A. A. U.—it is far easier to release these men than it is to effect some 1,500 boys and men who are now thoroughly conversant and satisfied with the commission's rules. The commission has no desire to interfere with the affairs of the A. A. U., nor will this body agree to or brook interference from any other organization.

While within the strict letter of the law there are some professionals playing amateur baseball in Richmond, within the spirit of the law there are none. It would be working as much of a hardship on these men who have played professional baseball to bar them from the pastime as it might be to bar track and field athletes. But they are not barred. They are free to join the amateur ranks, but must do so under the rules and regulations of the commission. These rules obtain in every city where organized amateur baseball is played. The rules of the Richmond commission, though organization here is but a few years old, have commended themselves so strongly to out-of-town followers of the game that the local rules have been adopted in Baltimore and Washington and in the many cities of Virginia. But the whole question will be thoroughly aired and reviewed at the meeting of the commission.

President Crowder, of the Old Dominion League, has called a meeting of his organization for tomorrow night in the home of Secretary John P. Hooper, Jr. He requests that all managers be present at some important business is to be transacted.

The large number of pre-season games being played on the many diamonds around Richmond point to a big amateur season. Not only will the season be more than successful from the standpoint of mere numbers, but the teams in each of the leagues will be better prepared for the opening. Though the weather has been a trifle frost-laden for the past few days, it has treated the youngsters kindly until now. Reports from all sections of the city and from the suburbs indicate a preparedness which has not been noted in previous years.

The annual guide will be out in a few weeks and will contain much that is of interest to local amateurs.

The commission has denied the request of the Old Dominion League, of which Paul LaTouche is president, for "AAA" classification.

## ROYALS WIN OUT IN EARLY START

Virginia Outfits Montreal, but Wildness of Orange and Blue Twirlers Count.

Charlottesville, Va., March 29.—The Montreal club of the International League, defeated Virginia today 12 to 6, though out-batted by the Collegians, who jumped on McGraner, formerly with Cincinnati, in the third inning for a total of five hits, including doubles by Captain Finlay and Neff, a triple by Fitchett, netting five runs.

"Billy" Burke went to the mound in the next frame, and held Virginia to one run in the next five innings. The Royals clinched the game in the opening innings, thanks to the wildness of two of Virginia's freshmen twirlers, Campbell and Anderson, who issued seven passes between them. Montreal getting eight run across the pan on two hits. Anderson braced after the third round of batting, but the scoring until the lights, when Demitt smashed out a triple, sending in two runs, and tallying himself later on a fielder's choice.

McGranger lined out a three-bagger early in the contest, scoring Finlay and Batton, who had been given free transportation. Savage played a brilliant game at short for Montreal and pilfered four bases. Murphy also did splendid work at batsman. The fielding features were Captain Finlay's running catch of Demitt's long foul in the fourth. Lile covered wide territory in centre, nabbing eight flies.

Score:

|               | A. | B. | R. | H. | O. | A. | E. |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Savage, ss.   | 4  | 2  | 0  | 4  | 4  | 0  |    |
| Esmond, 2b.   | 5  | 1  | 1  | 2  | 4  | 0  |    |
| Demitt, cf.   | 4  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 1  |    |
| Lenox, 3b.    | 5  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  |    |
| Betcher, rf.  | 4  | 1  | 2  | 1  | 0  | 0  |    |
| Irving, lf.   | 3  | 2  | 0  | 3  | 0  | 0  |    |
| Batton, lb.   | 4  | 2  | 1  | 4  | 0  | 0  |    |
| Murphy, c.    | 5  | 0  | 2  | 12 | 0  | 0  |    |
| McGranger, p. | 1  | 2  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  |    |
| Burke, p.     | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  |    |
| Dale, p.      | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |    |
| Totals        | 30 | 12 | 9  | 27 | 10 | 2  |    |

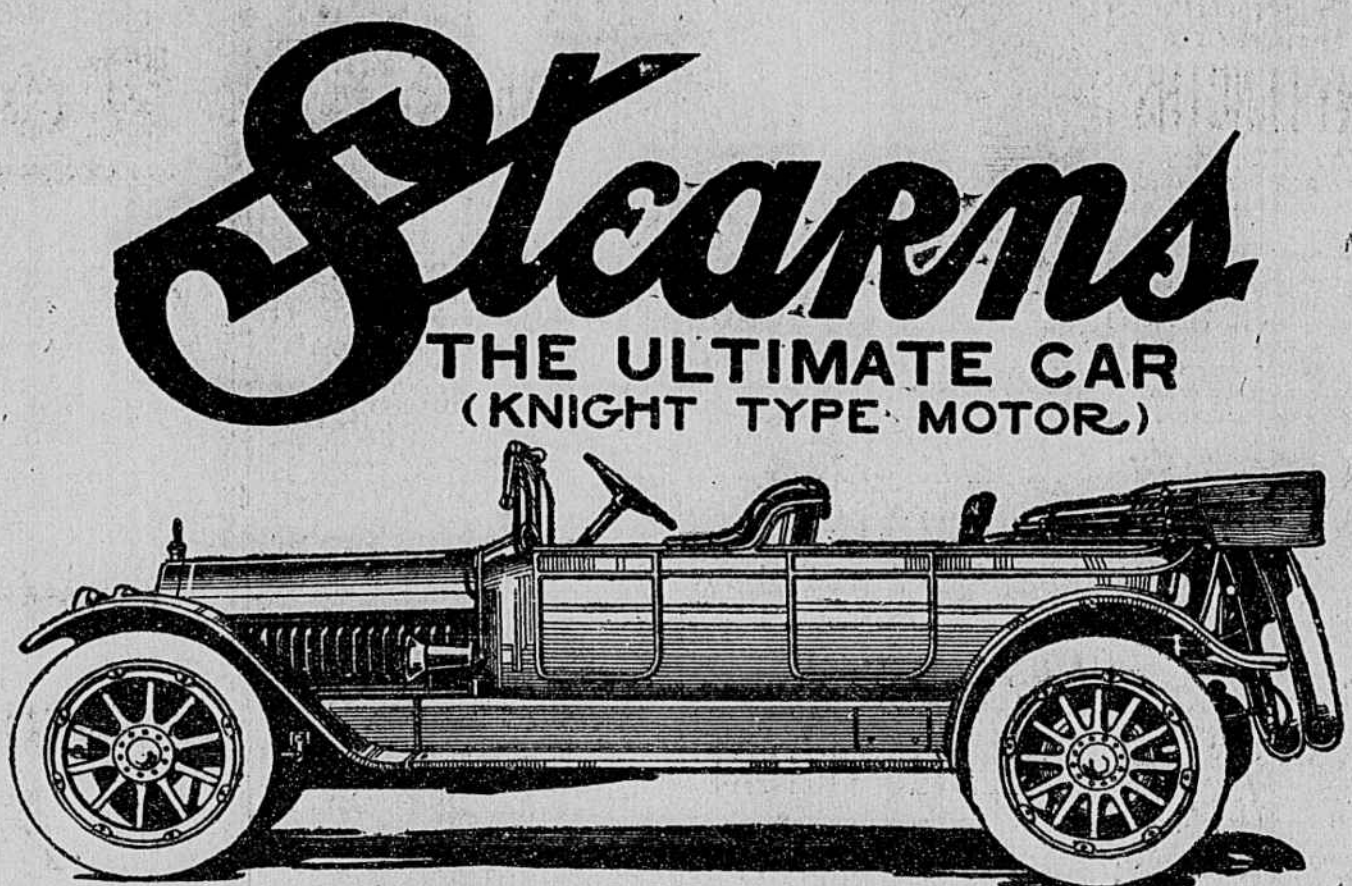
Virginia.

|                 | A. | B. | R. | H. | O. | A. | E. |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Finlay, lb.     | 4  | 1  | 2  | 8  | 0  | 0  |    |
| Beckwith, 2b.   | 4  | 1  | 0  | 2  | 2  | 0  |    |
| Neff, ss.       | 4  | 1  | 1  | 2  | 1  | 1  |    |
| Lile, cf.       | 5  | 1  | 2  | 5  | 1  | 0  |    |
| Fitchett, lf.   | 4  | 1  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  |    |
| Landes, rf.     | 4  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  |    |
| White, 3b.      | 4  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  |    |
| Green, c.       | 0  | 0  | 0  | 3  | 0  | 1  |    |
| B. Anderson, c. | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |    |
| Campbell, p.    | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |    |
| Anderson, p.    | 4  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0  |    |
| Gammom, p.      | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |    |
| Stickler, p.    | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |    |
| Totals          | 37 | 6  | 10 | 27 | 6  | 6  |    |

X—Batter for Anderson in eighth.  
Score by innings:  
Montreal ..... 1 4 3 0 0 1 10—12  
Virginia ..... 0 0 5 0 0 1 0—6  
Summary: Two-base hits—Murphy, Finlay, Neff, Lile. Three-base hits—Demitt, McGranger, Fitchett. Struck bases—Savage, 4; Betcher, Irving, Lile. Base on balls—Off McGranger, 1; off Burke, 3; off Dale, 1; off Campbell, 6; off Anderson, 3. Sacrifices—Betcher, 1; off McGranger, 1. Inning: Off Burke, three in five innings; off Campbell, one in two innings; off Anderson, seven in six innings; off McGranger, one in one inning. Passed balls—Murphy, Green. Wild pitch—Campbell. Time of game—2:20. Umpire—Chewning.

## Grammar School Baseball League

Some changes having been made in the schedule for the Grammar School Baseball League in both sections, the revised schedules will be found below. The league will be run under the regulations as published in The Times-Dispatch of March 21, and each principal is requested to have the agreement signed by the players and coaches. Schedule for the eastern section, the games of which will be played on the Church Circle Association field:  
April 1—Fairmount vs. Chimborazo; 3. Nicholson vs. Spotsylvania; 4. Jefferson vs. Bellevue; 7. Powhatan.



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March 31—Fairmount vs. Chimborazo.

April 2—Nicholson vs. Springfield.  
April 4—Jefferson vs. Bellevue.  
April 7—Powhatan vs. Fairmount.  
April 9—Chimborazo vs. Springfield.  
April 11—Nicholson vs. Bellevue.  
April 14—Fairmount vs. Nicholson.  
April 16—Powhatan vs. Chimborazo.  
April 18—Springfield vs. Bellevue.  
April 21—Chimborazo vs. Jefferson.  
April 23—Fairmount vs. Nicholson.  
April 25—Powhatan vs. Jefferson.  
April 28—Nicholson vs. Chimborazo.  
April 30—Fairmount vs. Bellevue.

May 2—Jefferson vs. Springfield.  
May 6—Powhatan vs. Bellevue.  
May 7—Springfield vs. Fairmount.  
May 9—Nicholson vs. Jefferson.  
May 12—Powhatan vs. Springfield.  
May 14—Fairmount vs. Nicholson.  
May 16—Nicholson vs. Powhatan.  
Schedule for the western section, the games of which will be played on St. Andrew's field:  
1. Randolph; 2. Ruffner; 3. Jackson; 4. Madison; 5. Arents; 6. Sidney; 7. Fox.  
March 25—Randolph vs. Ruffner (already played).  
April 2—Jackson vs. Madison.  
April 4—Arents vs. Sidney.  
April 7—Fox vs. Randolph.  
April 9—Ruffner vs. Madison.  
April 11—Jackson vs. Sidney.  
April 14—Randolph vs. Arents.  
April 16—Fox vs. Ruffner.  
April 18—Madison vs. Sidney.

April 21—Ruffner vs. Arents.  
April 23—Randolph vs. Jackson.  
April 25—Fox vs. Arents.  
April 28—Randolph vs. Sidney.  
April 30—Arents vs. Madison.  
May 2—Jackson vs. Ruffner.  
May 5—Fox vs. Sidney.  
May 7—Madison vs. Randolph.  
May 9—Jackson vs. Arents.  
May 12—Madison vs. Fox.  
May 14—Ruffner vs. Sidney.  
May 16—Jackson vs. Fox.

### BLACKSTONE HIGH BEATS FARMVILLE.

Interest intense until very last inning. Diamond is in very poor condition. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Blackstone, Va., March 9.—The Blackstone High School baseball team played its first game of the season against Farmville High School in Farmville today. Interest in the game was intense until the last. Although the diamond was in a bad condition, the

players were fast and snappy. Both teams played excellent ball. The features of the game for Blackstone were the playing of the infield and the superb pitching of Doc Cobb, who struck out sixteen. The catching of Teland Green and the playing of Gray at short on the Farmville team were especially good.

Score by innings:  
B. H. S. .... 0 1 0 1 2 0 0 3—7  
F. H. S. .... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0  
A return game will be played in Blackstone Friday next, April 4. The Blackstone High School has unusually good material, and a heavy schedule for the season has been arranged.

the course up the river had to be abandoned, and the shortened run about two miles. Those riding were: W. O. Young, M. P. H. on Overland; H. C. Beattie, Jr., whip, on Nick O' Time; Fred S. Campbell, whip, on Leesburg Boy; Dr. J. A. White, on Rob Roy; J. R. J. Anderson, on Paladdin; St. George Bryan, on Iron Prince; F. P. Christian, on Virginia C.; Miss Gille Campbell, on Lady; Miss Fannie Crenshaw, on Her Grace; E. H. Snyder, on Joe Mason; Wilburn Snyder, on Quaker; Huntsman Thornton, on Gates.

### DEEP RUN HUNT

Several old followers of the hounds were again found in the saddle yesterday afternoon for the weekly hunt of the Deep Run hounds of the Country Club. Much interest has been recently shown in this most popular sport, and larger fields are turning out each time. Huntsman Thornton's pack of hounds worked splendidly, being under perfect control at all times. The hounds leading the riders at a fast gallop by Dr. McDaniel's, around the lake and the new college grounds to Tary Street Road for the first check. The hounds were next cast in Daniel's farm, the run continuing through Grandfield's, Hollingsworth's and Smith's farms back to the Country Club, making a distance of about five miles. Owing to deep water

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